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TRUMAN WIELDS GAVEL AS BIG '3' OPEN MEET

Preliminary Exchange of Views by Heads of Allied Nations as Potsdam Conference Opens; War Against Japs Likely a Principal Topic

POTSDAM, July 17—The Big Three held the first full-dress session of their great victory conference at 5 p. m. today, and President Truman was invited to preside during the conference.

A joint communique issued by Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill also said that during the meeting which lasted 1½ hours "a preliminary exchange of views took place on the matters requiring decision by the heads of the three governments."

The war against Japan unquestionably ranks high on the agenda of the three governmental chieftains, their foreign secretaries, and military advisors.

Following is the text of the communique:

"The Berlin conference of the governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the Soviet Union met this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

"By invitation of his two colleagues, the President of the United States of America will preside at the meetings of the conference.

"The preliminary exchange of views took place on the matters requiring decision by the heads of the three governments.

"It was decided that the three foreign secretaries should hold regular meetings with a view to preparing the work of the conference."

PIANO CONCERT HELD AT COLLEGE

Edwin Gerschefski, Noted Pianist, Appears in Concert of Unusual Interest

A program of unusual interest was heard on last Thursday evening when Edwin Gerschefski, pianist, was presented in the college auditorium. His numbers ranged from 18th century to contemporary music. The Antiche Danze ed Arie arranged by Respighi, showed at the beginning of the program the caliber of Mr. Gerschefski's playing. Wide range of tone coloring, mastery of technique, and true understanding of the music characterized the type of playing that has won acclaim for Mr. Gerschefski. The high point of the program was reached in the playing of the prelude, Chorale, and Fuge by Franck. Especial mention should be made of the clarity of the voices in the Feuge.

The six Chopin Etudes that opened the last half of the program gave full scope to Mr. Gerschefski's brilliant technique. The Revolutionary Etude with its taxing runs and arpeggi was dazzling in its clarity and satisfying in emotional content. The succeeding Etudes in F minor, A flat major, G flat major, E flat minor, were played with full attention to their musical, as well as technical demands. The group was concluded with the thunderous C minor Etude in a performance which brought an ovation from the audience.

Contemporary American music was represented by the Preludes of George Gershwin. Mr. Gerschefski was a sympathetic interpreter of the languid melodies, the thoroughly American rhythm, and the brilliant contrasts in these numbers. The printed program closed with a sparkling and masterful reading of the Second Hungarian Rhapsody of Liszt. In response to insistent applause, a Latin-American composition by Luiz Cosme and Mr. Gerschefski's own Guadalcanal Fantasy were added to the already generous program.

John David Farthing Dies From Short Illness

John David Farthing, age four and one-half months, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Farthing, of Boone, died last Wednesday, after an illness of only a few hours. Pneumonia was believed to have been the cause of the child's death.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Methodist Church by the pastor, Dr. E. K. McLarty, and interment was in the city cemetery.

The only immediate survivors are the bereaved parents.

Heads Trustees



V. D. GUIRE

Virgil D. Guire, of Lenoir, has been named president of the board of trustees of Appalachian State College for the coming year, it has been announced.

G. P. Hagaman, of Spruce Pine, has been named vice-president and members of the executive committee are Wade E. Brown of Boone, H. A. Cranor of Wilkesboro, Eugene Transou of Sparta, and G. P. Hagaman of Spruce Pine.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty was re-elected president of the college, and Dr. J. D. Rankin will continue as dean. Other members of the faculty and other college workers were re-elected.

Mrs. Mae D. Smith Dies at Vilas Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Mae Holsclaw Smith of Vilas, who died in the Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Saturday at 9:30 p. m., after an illness of several months, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Willowdale Baptist Church. Rev. Grady Hamby and Rev. Roby Painter conducted the rites and burial was in the family cemetery at Vilas. Reins-Sturdivant was in charge of arrangements.

Born on Cove Creek on Sept. 18, 1888, Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Finley Holsclaw and Mattie McBride Holsclaw. She was married to Jack Smith on April 29, 1908.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Ira Fox, Mrs. Ward Billings, Misses Forrest and Shirley Jean Smith, of Vilas, and Mrs. Homer Shoemaker, of Balm. One sister, Mrs. Essie Hayes, of Knoxville, Tenn.; two grandsons, Jack Billings and Philip Shoemaker, and one niece, Mrs. Mabel Floyd, of Middleboro, Ky.

Palbearers were Theil Greene, John Dugger, Earl Shoemaker, Fred Blair, Hugh Burleson and W. H. Shoemaker.

Mrs. Pauline Henson was in charge of the floral offering, assisted by Mrs. Blanche Reese, Mrs. Ruth Dugger, Mrs. Annie Blair, Mrs. Addie Brinkley, Mrs. Francis Glenn, Mrs. Lucy Olsen, Mrs. G. A. Hamby, Mrs. Hugh Burleson, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, Misses Helen Underdown, Wilma Baird, Gertrude Henson, Joyce Henson, Rose Edna Billings, Cleo Walker and Leola Walker.

55 Farmers Sell 410 Lambs in Pool Friday

Fifty-five farmers sold 410 lambs and 17 sheep through the Watauga lamb pool on Friday, July 13. Farmers from four other counties sold lambs in the pool. These counties were Avery, Alleghany, Wilkes and Yadkin.

The lambs were weighed and loaded on cars at North Wilkesboro. Swift and Company purchased the lambs. The prices and number of lambs by grade were as follows:

166 blues at	\$15.85
55 blue bucks at	14.85
95 reds at	14.85
53 red bucks at	13.85
20 medium at	13.85
14 medium bucks at	12.25
6 common at	11.25
1 cull at	8.75
1 wether at	7.00
9 fat ewes at	7.00
6 common ewes at	3.00
1 old buck at	6.00

Paul Nathaniel Minton Succumbs on Friday

Paul Nathaniel Minton, age 5 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Minton, died at the home in Boone last Friday.

Funeral services were conducted from Mountain View Church in Stony Fork township by Rev. Mr. Triplett, and interment was there. Surviving are the parents and three sisters, Wilma, Bettie and an infant.

BRITAIN JOINS U. S. FLEET IN FIGHT ON JAPAN

Fifteen Hundred Carrier Planes From Two Fleets Unite in Raid on Jap Homeland; Many Jap Planes Destroyed in Daring Raids

Guam, July 18—The British battleship King George V and her escorting ships joined the U. S. Pacific fleet's 45,000-ton dreadnaught, Iowa, and other powerful warships in a great bombardment force to shell copper and war industry plants at Hitachi, only 80 miles from Tokyo, early this morning.

It was the first time British men o' war had fired shells into the Jap homeland.

The bombardment followed only a few hours a 1,500 carrier plane attack on the Tokyo region, extending northeast to Hitachi, by aircraft launched from the world's most powerful naval force, the combined U. S. third Pacific and British Pacific fleets.

The great battle line, including some of the most devastating battleships of both the American and British navies, stood off the eastern Honshu coast in a rainy, misty night, steadily throwing their 2,700-pound 16-inch shells into Hitachi's highly concentrated aircraft, electrical and diesel engine plants and copper smelters.

Correspondents watching the thrilling show from aboard Adm. Halsey's warships reported the dreadnaughts closed to within about six miles of shore.

The Japanese offered no opposition. The attack was begun about midnight Tuesday, Jap time (11 a. m. Monday, EST) and continued two hours.

Overhead, British and American carrier planes flew a protective escort but their defensive cover proved unnecessary. The Japs still declined to attack the world's most powerful naval force by sea or air, presumably hoarding their aircraft for the invasion they know cannot be far off.

Low, thick clouds prevented aerial observers from immediately estimating damage of the attack, Fleet Admiral Nimitz said in a communique announcing the bombardment. The admiral, in a broadcast to the United States yesterday, termed this bombing and bombardment phase the "pre-invasion stage" of the Pacific war.

The bombardment force of battleships and their accompanying cruisers and destroyers started to run in toward Hitachi, at the north end of the Kanto plain, late yesterday after the Tokyo area had been swept for more than eight hours by fighter and bomber flights from both U. S. carrier task force 38 and carriers of the British Pacific fleet.

Halsey, in overall command of the combined American-British fleet, has not yet reported any results of yesterday's concerted strikes over the Tokyo area.

Aged Triplett Citizen Is Claimed by Death

Thos. A. Cox, aged 84 years, pioneer citizen of Elk township, died at the home at Triplett on July 11, after a long period of indisposition.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Mt. Ephriam Baptist church by Rev. Mr. Greene and Rev. Mr. Triplett and interment was in the cemetery there by Reins-Sturdivant.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Cloyd Cox, Summer, Mont.; C. J. Cox, Twin Bridges, Mont.; W. L., Fred, Doc, Brady and Virgil Cox, Mrs. Roxie Triplett, of Triplett, and Rom Cox of Lenoir.

Justin Miller to Head National Broadcasters

Justin Miller, former Boone resident, and associate justice of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, has been named president of the National Association of Broadcasters, its board of directors announced in Kansas City Sunday.

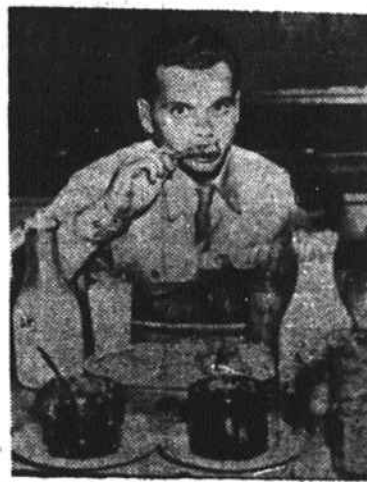
Miller will take office on October 1 for a five-year term. He succeeds J. Harold Ryan, interim president, who served for one year after leaving the office of censorship, and who returns to his position as vice-president and general manager of the Fort Industry Co., of Toledo, Ohio. Miller, whose home is in Los Angeles, has been an associate justice of the court in Washington since 1937. He is 56 years old.

Big Three Meet in Berlin



The war-weary jittery world is awaiting eagerly the meeting of these three men, President Harry S. Truman, Premier Winston Churchill and Marshal Josef Stalin, hoping that it will clear away many of the tensions, misunderstandings and suspicions that have arisen since Germany was vanquished.

G.I. Eating Wonder



Pfc. Chester J. Salvatori, pictured at Atlanta, Ga., as he puts his appetite to work on his meal at a cafeteria, doing away with seven orders of fried chicken, ten orders of french fried potatoes, nine glasses of orange juice, two quarts of milk, five egg salads, two glasses of iced coffee, two slices of watermelon, five slices of apple pie ala mode and ten combination salads. Nothing for "the stomach" to eat thirty army pork chops at one meal.

SECOND TERM IS STARTED TODAY

Dormitories Full on Eve of Opening of Second College Term; 500 Expected

The second term of summer school at Appalachian College starts Thursday, and reports from the office of Dean J. D. Rankin indicate that the dormitories are already full, and that an enrollment of 500 or more is expected.

The first term ends this (Wednesday) afternoon with an enrollment of 599, setting a record for any wartime year at Appalachian.

Two Local Escapers Captured in Texas

Houston, Texas, July 14—Captain E. B. Williams, detective chief, reported the arrest in Houston yesterday of two escaped North Carolina convicts. They were identified by Williams as David Stephenson, 27, and Fred McLamb, 21, who escaped along with 10 others from a state prison camp at Boone, N. C., while serving terms for burglary.

Ration Guide

Processed Foods
T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, now valid, expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1, now valid, expire August 31; D1 through H1, now valid, expire Sept. 30; J1 through N1, expire Oct. 31.

Meat and Fat
K2 through P2, now valid, expire July 31; Q2 through U2, now valid, expire Aug. 31; V2 through Z2, now valid, expire Sept. 30; A1 through 71, now valid, expire October 31.

Sugar
Sugar stamp 36 expires Aug. 31.

Shoes
Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3, in Book Three, continue valid indefinitely.

Gasoline
A-16 coupons valid through Sept. 21. Each car owner must write his license number and state on each coupon as soon as it is issued to him. Mileage rationing record must be presented when applying for all passenger car gasoline rations.

SEEK TO LOCATE AIRPORT IN AREA

Chamber of Commerce Has Air Lines Official as Guest; Proposed Airport Sites Inspected

M. L. Funkhouser, district manager of the Eastern Air Lines, who spoke to the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, in company with H. W. Wilcox, president of the local organization, looked over two likely sites for the proposed Boone-Blowing Rock airport. A special committee has been named to contact the U. S. Department of Commerce and Civil Aeronautics Administration, looking to their consideration of these sites, and it is expected that the two towns will do everything possible to provide adequate facilities for air travelers in the post-war period.

Mr. Funkhouser, in his address, discussed the part aviation is playing in the conduct of the war, and believes that with the return of 3,000,000 men in the armed services, trained in aeronautics, private flying will become commonplace. He said there will be more than half a million privately owned airplanes by 1950, and believes that each progressive community should make plans to care for this kind of travel.

"One thing is certain," said Mr. Funkhouser, "we stand at the threshold of a new day in the world of transportation, and the future of America is in the air. The skyways of today will become the highways of tomorrow, and the dawn of that tomorrow is already shining brightly on the horizon of a new post-war world."

Town HorseShoe and Tennis Tournaments

The college health and physical education department is putting on a town-wide horseshoe tournament for men. This tournament opens Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock on the college athletic field.

Entries in the singles and doubles are already in the intramural director's office and pairings will be made for tonight's picking today. The following men have entered the tournament: J. C. Cooke, McKinley Ayers, Tom Beach, Herbert Wey, Barrard Dougherty, Clyde Hollars, Burl Cullers, Nile Cook, Maurice O'Sullivan, Charlie Ray, Wade Hampton, Mike Hunt and Burl Palmer.

Men's and women's tennis tournament will open July 25. All those who plan to enter please phone the college book room and have your name entered on the entry list.

Cove Creek Cannery Open 2 Days Weekly

The Cove Creek community cannery is open for business Tuesday and Friday of each week, effective immediately, it is announced by Ernest Hillard, manager.

It is stated that as as more fruits and vegetables become available, the cannery will be open more often in order to take care of the needs of home canners.

Boone Community Cannery Opens Friday

The Boone community cannery, located in the tobacco warehouse, will begin operating Friday, July 20, Dr. Orby Southard, supervisor, has announced.

The cannery will be open again Friday, July 27, and each Tuesday and Friday thereafter for the duration of the canning season.

COUNTY GREATLY EXCEEDS OVERALL WAR BOND QUOTA

Sales of E Bonds Remain Slightly Behind Quota at Close of Campaign; Chairman Extends Thanks to Soldiers and Others For Good Work

Watauga county's overall bond quota in the Seventh War Loan was far oversubscribed, according to final figures released by Clyde R. Greene, local chairman, who indicates that the E bond quota fell a little short of the goal.

Overall bond purchases amounted to \$597,516.25, or more than 300 per cent of the quota of \$175,000. E bond sales are given at \$104,879.75 or approximately 76 per cent of the quota of \$136,000, which was assigned this county.

Mr. Greene particularly calls attention to the fact that there is a record of \$15,776.00 of E bonds having been purchased by men in the armed forces, and acknowledges this fine spirit of the men who are not only willing to die for their country, but to help finance the effort out of relatively small earnings. Mr. Green is profoundly grateful to these men, and also expresses deep appreciation to everyone who aided in any way, either by buying or selling bonds in the Seventh War Loan. Although sales of E bonds fell short, the organization made a magnificent effort, and the members are due praise for their splendid work.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, chairman of the bond contest in the schools of the county, is anxious for the principals to submit their final reports to him promptly.

JACOB MAY DIES AT AGE OF 70

Former Register of Deeds and Bank Worker Succumbs to Long Period of Illness

Jacob May, age 70 years, former register of deeds for Watauga county, died at his home near Trade, Tenn., last Sunday, after a long period of impaired health.

Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Monday afternoon, and interment was in a neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. May, who was reared in Watauga county, was a leader in public affairs and as the candidate of the Republican party, was elected register of deeds in 1898, establishing his home in Boone. This position he held until 1910, following which he worked in the Watauga County Bank for a period of time, and later was one of the stockholders in the firm of John W. Hodges & Company, a general mercantile establishment in Boone. For many years he was a member of the directorate of the Watauga County Bank. About the year 1913 he returned to his home near Trade, retiring from public life, and engaging in farming activities.

Surviving are the widow and five children: Armfield May, who resides in the state of Pennsylvania; Ralph May of Trade, Tenn.; Mrs. Ola Garland of Shouns, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruth Wilson and Mrs. Nell Thomas of Trade.

Demonstration Schools To Open August 28th

Boone high school and the elementary demonstration school will open August 29th for the school year of 1945-46.

School officials call attention of parents to the law regarding immunization of children and the law regarding school entry.

The law states that a child must be six years of age on or before October 1, 1945, to be enrolled as a student in the public schools of North Carolina. If you have a child who will enter school for his first time this fall, John T. Howell, principal, will appreciate if you will send him an accurate birth record of the child on the opening date of school.

Since the law provides that no principal or teacher shall permit any child to enter school without a certificate or some other acceptable evidence of immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox, it is suggested that you attend to this at once so that the children may be able to enter school on the opening date. A child six years of age by October 1, 1945, must enroll during the first month.